
Subject: Re: What do you believe is better?

Posted by [nikki6ixx](#) on Wed, 12 Jan 2011 23:20:09 GMT

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Glock wrote on Wed, 12 January 2011 14:09I'd rather pay \$200 once rather than \$100 each time I replace some hardware. If Windows 7 turns out anything like XP, chances are I'll upgrade at least once, so why not buy retail? You're taking a real gamble with OEM copies.

Windows 7 OEM is tied to the motherboard. So it's fine with any other upgrades. I've gone through two motherboards, two CPU's, and several graphics cards, and not a fuss was made.

When I RMA'd my motherboard, and got an exact replacement, all Windows did was ask for online re-activation, which took all of twenty seconds.

However, it seems that MS' people are pretty reasonable, and if you phone them up, they'll give you a new code in case you get a different motherboard. Just say it broke.
